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SRI T. T. DANIEL: The handloom weavers are so poor in our State that they have not got sufficient money even to purchase shares in co-operative societies and as such are not in a position to get into the co-operative societies which are really a boon to the poor weavers. Will the Government go into the question of devising ways and means to aid these poor weavers to take shares in co-operative societies?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: May I remind the hon. Member that the weavers are given interest-free loans from the Cess Fund to pay the share capital.

SRI A. MARIAPPAN: இந்த நாட்டிலுள்ள எல்லா நெசவாளர்களும் மாகாணத்தில் பதிவு செய்யப்படவில்லை என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா? பருத்தி நூலைத் தவிர ஆர்ட் சில்க் நூல் கொண்டு நெசவு செய்யும் நெசவாளர்களையும் பதிவு செய்ய சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா? கூட்டுறவுக்கு வெளியில் இருக்கக்கூடிய நெசவாளர்களை கூட்டுறவு இயக்கத்தில் சேர்க்க என்ன ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: ஆர்ட் ஸில்க், "ஸில்க் லூம்" இவைகளை ரெஜிஸ்தர் செய்து வைத்திருக்கிற புள்ளி விவரங்கள் என்னிடம் இல்லை. இரண்டாவதாக அவர்களுக்கும் சொஸைட்டியில் சேர்ந்து வசதியளிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது என்பது அங்கத்தினருக்கு நன்றாகத் தெரியும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

Cholera

* 188 *Q*.—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the deaths that occurred in Kanyakumari district in May 1957 on account of cholera; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent the spread of the disease?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) There was only one case of death of suspected cholera.

(*b*) Intensive inoculation, isolation and treatment of cases, chlorination of water sources, disinfection of infected houses and materials and wide educative propaganda were the precautionary measures taken in the affected places. The examination of these cases showed that they were all negative to cholera.

Land colonies in Bhavani taluk

* 189 *Q*.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of land colonies existing at present in Bhavani taluk, Coimbatore district;

(*b*) the extent of land brought under cultivation in those colonies; and

(*c*) the number of ryots living in those colonies and the number of Harijans among them?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Three.

(b) 1,320·40 acres.

(c) The total number of ryots living in all the three colonies is 266 and the number of Harijans among them is 174.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : ஸார், இந்த காலனிகளை கூட்டுறவு முறையில் நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : கூட்டுறவு முறையில் நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசமிருக்கிறது.

Landless poor

* 190 Q.—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of landless poor that have applied for the assignment of lands in Hosur taluk, Salem district, during the period 1952 to 1956; and

(b) the number of persons that were granted lands and the total acreage so granted?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) 701.

(b) 565 persons and 4,278·25 acres.

SRI M. MUNI REDDI : May I know whether a large number of landless poor people of Krishnagiri taluk have applied for assignment of land in Hosur taluk, and if so, may I know how many have applied?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am not aware of that. The local officers will enquire into the position. There is a very quick drive going on in that taluk for the allotment of lands to the landless poor.

Landless poor

* 191 Q.—SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any directions to assign poramboke lands to landless poor ;

(b) whether the Government have received any representations recently from Sirkali public and the Harijans in particular that their request for assignment of poramboke lands particularly non-communal lands and in unobjectionable cases have been usually turned down by the local officials without even considering the merits of the cases;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) the number of persons evicted for occupying poramboke lands in Sirkali taluk during 1955 and 1956?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Poramboke lands are lands used for communal purposes. The occupation of such lands is always treated as "prima facie" objectionable. However